

City Has Plan To Take Over All Car Lines

Payment of Fair Return for Properties, Increase in Fares and Transfer of Titles Are Proposed

Would Avert Bankruptcy

Commissioner Delaney's Project Calls for Fund To Be Raised in 38 Years

A plan, involving municipal ownership, to save the city's transit lines from bankruptcy, evolved from a series of conferences of Public Commissioner Nixon, Transit Construction Commissioner Delaney and representatives of the country was announced yesterday.

The plan, which will be submitted to the directors of the companies for their approval, contains the following four main features:

Transfer to the city of all titles held by the companies in railroad properties. Guaranteed payment by the city of a reasonable rate of interest on fair appraisals.

Setting aside of 1 per cent for the purchase of the properties at the expiration of the thirty-eight years.

A sufficient increase in fares to meet these requirements.

Delaney Sponsor of Plan

Other details, it was said, can easily be worked out if the companies will agree to surrender control of their holdings.

Commissioner Delaney said yesterday that the last conference took place Thursday, and that the plan had already been put before the directors of the companies. Mr. Delaney said that he had been the sponsor of the plan, which is based on the municipal ownership aims of the Hyman administration. It embodies what is looked upon as the only feasible means by which the city could take over control of the properties, a large expenditure for the purpose being out of the question because of the debt limit restrictions.

Mr. Delaney explained that the companies had put forth no plan of settlement and that the one suggested was that of the city. He said the Board of Estimate would not act upon it, however, unless the companies would be presented to it by the companies.

All Lines Included

After asserting that city ownership of "such lines as the city may desire to acquire" was a prerequisite to the solution of the problem, Mr. Delaney said:

"Such lines will in any event include all of the rapid transit lines, both subway and elevated. Title to these properties must vest in the city at once. The matter of fares must be agreed upon through negotiations before any municipalization project could become effective, and all existing leases, contracts and agreements for high rents and dividends must be terminated, and a fair interest return paid on such capital in the way of stocks and bonds as is provided to cover the fair value of the properties."

Mayor Blames Traction Lines Says "Special Interests" Seek Legislative Inquiry of City Rule

Mayor Hyman, in reply to reported possible legislative investigation of his administration growing out of the extraordinary "grand jury" inquiry into alleged corruption among city officials, issued a lengthy statement yesterday in which he lays the suggestion of legislative action at the door of traction and Wall Street interests.

In a review of the traction situation as he sees it, he declares that the proposed legislative inquiry is another attempt of the transportation interests "to force public officials to repudiate a solemn contract for a five-cent fare and increase same to eight or ten cents." He scores the Merchants Association and the Citizens Union as allies of these interests and says the time has come "when these interests must be made to realize that the people have something to say in the management of the affairs of the government and the disposition of their money."

The Mayor's Statement

"From several of the evening papers," runs the mayor's statement, "authoritative information is given that the Legislature at its next session will appoint an investigating committee for the purpose of investigating the present city administration and its attitude toward the traction interests and if possible force public officials to repudiate a solemn contract for a five-cent fare and increase same to eight or ten cents."

"So that the people will understand the situation I want to call attention to the millions of dollars involved and which must come out of their pockets. Six million people use the traction lines daily in the City of New York. An increase of three cents for every person would mean \$180,000 daily, or \$65,000,000 yearly. An increase of five cents would mean over \$100,000,000 annually.

"The traction interests with their unlimited millions behind them and their hope for millions more to be extracted from the pockets of the people by forcing the Municipal Board members of the Board of Estimate and the Interborough and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company an increased fare, thereby giving them an opportunity to force up the market for the sale of traction securities and to reap enormous profits—the traction manipulators and their agents are bent on driving public officials to vote on methods used to gain their end.

Former Human Wrecks Tell Seven Injured When Trolley Hits "L" Pillar

Gather at McAuley's Mission, Which Led Them Into Straight Path When They Were Dregs of Society; Celebration of Forty-seventh Anniversary Begins

McAuley's Water Street Mission, the "drydock of a thousand wrecks," will be the center of a series of testimonial meetings all this week. With prohibition, the fight against the drug habit and abundance of work slowly removing the reasons for its existence, McAuley's, known the world over as the haven of down-and-outs who later "come back," started yesterday a week's celebration of its forty-seventh anniversary—perhaps its last at its present location.

Testimonials by converts are not new at McAuley's. During its lifetime, under the shadow of Brooklyn Bridge and within a stone's throw of the East River, McAuley's formula for saving souls has virtually been: "Give 'em a bed and a cup of coffee; convert 'em with the testimony of those who have 'come back.'"

Furnishing testimonials is the least of trouble to McAuley's. It has converts in every part of the world and every walk of life. Some of them are in the ministry, in missionary work, superintendents, evangelists, ex-soldiers and sailors, doctors and business men. Scores of men will testify at McAuley's "come-back week" to their rise from failure to success through conversion at McAuley's.

One Who "Came Back" Testifies

The mission house was crowded yesterday afternoon at the opening meeting. John H. Wyburn, superintendent, who was converted at the mission on the front row of the platform where he was kept busy nodding to other converts in the audience. Some of their stories he knew by heart from a hundred tellings. The Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, rector of St. Ann's, Protestant Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, was the afternoon speaker. Miss May C. Wolcott was the soloist.

"I want to thank God for what the mission has done for me," he said. "Three years, two months and one day ago I was a liar, a glutton and a drunkard. I came here selfishly, merely for a cup of coffee and a bed. Then I saw the light. I put aside my sinful ways and was soon employed by one of the biggest banks in the city."

But they didn't pay me enough money, so I quit and came back here to help me get a new job and after three months I did, and I have it still."

Reunited After Nineteen Years

Nothing could stop the rush of similar testimonials that followed. One convert was returned to his wife and child, he said, after nineteen years' estrangement. Another man, who said he had wasted thirty-seven years of his life and money in the time in prison, declared he had kept straight after something had hit him "just like that" at McAuley's.

A one-time "bouncer" for a notorious cafe rose and said: "For seven years and six months now I have been straight. Twenty-four years ago I put on a white apron, and I have been with them all. My last job was throwing them out, men and women both, from a cafe. I thank God for saving me from a drunken and sinful life."

A composite story of the testimonials offered would show depravity overtaken following recourse to McAuley's. There was a young man who had decided to "end it all," but was a half ago of several million dollars' worth of short term notes on its representing that the company was making money on a five-cent fare, and that soon after it was an anarchy, and he was on the ground that it was losing money.

He then asserts that attempts were made to create antagonism against city officials by discrediting of service on several car lines in the most congested sections of the city. Strikes, he states, were another method to force an increase in fare.

Threatened With Removal

"I have been threatened with removal from office," concludes the statement, "the city departments have been placed under investigation and every possible endeavor made to embarrass me in the city administration, and now we hear threats of legislative investigation and of wagers being made by the traction crowd on the length of my stay in office. Many of us have not heard the investigation of the \$300,000 slush fund last year in an endeavor to put over legislation which had for its object an increased fare."

"The Mayor of the City of New York has the choice of several roads to travel. One road is to be a 'good fellow,' associate with society folks and give people of our people of our people no attention to the affairs of the city, and let the special interests-seeking crowd loot the city."

"Another road is to live up to your promise to the people, fight the battles and protect their interests from the traction and other special privilege seekers. This subjects you to attack from every angle by the financial and traction interests, the subsidized press, servile judges and insincere investigating bodies. These interests are endeavoring to continue their control of the city."

Raymond F. Almirall, foreman of the extraordinary grand jury, issued a statement yesterday setting forth the grand jury's reasons for the rejection of the services of Assistant District Attorneys Oleott and Brothers. He said:

"The District Attorney is the lawful custodian of the grand jury's notes and of all exhibits. An Assistant District Attorney, however, recommended or approved, cannot usurp the functions of the District Attorney. Therefore, any Assistant District Attorney against whom a charge might be made would have direct or indirect access to all testimony taken before the grand jury and all exhibits. These privileges are denied every other civilian defendant."

saved. Another man who said he had been "a bum and loafer" for fifteen years," confessed he had entered the mission out of idle curiosity, but had remained to get on his knees and pray.

When Pennies Carried One Far

"I went out with a dime," he said. "A man gave me another nickel. I went and got a shave—two cents. I got some bread and coffee—three cents. Then I bought a pair of shoes for 10 cents and went to work."

Concluding his testimony, he broke into a hymn, in which the audience of converts quickly joined.

The record convert of yesterday's meeting was a clothing merchant who, after making three fortunes and then losing them gambling, was come back sufficiently now to have a \$100,000 business. When the newest converts were called upon a young man said he had gone three days without backsliding. A dozen others converted two weeks to six months ago spoke likewise.

During the session the audience, as if directed, sat divided into two sections. On one side sat the "down-and-outs," who looked and acted down and out. On the opposite side of the room were well dressed men of all ages, with a sprinkling of women visitors. Some of the men would have passed for Wall Street brokers, merchants, salesmen or office helpers. No one would have pictured them as having once stumbled into McAuley's drunk and ragged had they not risen, one after another, and told their stories.

Known Hymns by Heart

Although outdone in appearance, the "down-and-out" section of the audience had the strongest voices when hymns were sung. Six of these in all, with every last verse sung, made an auditorium echo, and the loudest came from the men in old clothes. Many of them sang hymn after hymn without using a book.

According to Superintendent Wyburn, this mission may move before long, because it is in a foreign section of the city, where it is not so useful as it might be elsewhere. Since July 1, he said, there has been a noticeable decrease in the number of drunks coming to the mission. Drug addicts are also fewer, he says, most of those who present themselves as such having started, according to their story, as the result of taking drugs by a doctor's prescription.

Bishop Burch Speaks Friday

Since 1914 the reduction of unemployment in the city and country has been reflected by the decreasing number of converts at McAuley's. The Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, rector of St. Ann's, says Mr. Wyburn told him that there were around 1,500, but this year there may not be 500, he predicted, owing to the severity of labor.

Many Women Held As Shoplifters; All Deny Guilt

Patrol Wagons Carry Them to Court; Hatpins and Umbrellas Used as Weapons Against Feminine Sleuths

Results of the first organized effort to protect stores from holiday pilferers became apparent in the women's courts of Manhattan and Brooklyn yesterday. Three patrol wagon loads of shoplifters were arraigned in Manhattan and a dozen or more women in Brooklyn were started on the way toward the Court of General Sessions, the judges of which already have announced that jail sentences await all caught doing their Christmas shopping without regard to pay slips.

A dozen women store detectives marshaled fifty odd tearful ones before Magistrate Jean Norris in the women's court in Manhattan. Only one, a two-year-old girl, gave the calm that marks the old hand at the game. The others, amid tears, protested that they had not meant to steal and some indignantly objected to being charged with petty larceny. All, according to the detectives, were caught in the act of taking things in general demand as Christmas gifts.

Genevieve Conover, one of the detectives in charge of a party of prisoners, said most of them succumbed to the lure of silk stockings, beaded bags, silver toilet accessories, filmy undergarments and dress goods of the costlier sorts.

Some arrests were made only after vigorous battles in which hatpins were used or umbrellas broken on the heads of the detectives. The umbrellas were used as receptacles for stolen articles.

In Brooklyn the Fulton Street shopping district yielded a dozen women prisoners in the course of two hours Saturday evening. Two men and two women also were arrested in the same place of time. The detectives said all were manifestly novices in shoplifting, the professional having taken heed of the warning issued by the judges of Special Sessions when the women were arraigned.

Lines inclosing the shopping districts of the two boroughs.

Six of the Brooklyn women, who apparently had organized a shoplifting gang, were arrested at one time, after they had been followed from store to store on Fulton Street by store detectives.

Angeline Tromba and her daughter Josephine, who live at 54 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, attacked Ida Spillane, a detective, in an argument over certain articles. Two police detectives ended the battle.

Another defendant was Mrs. Margaret Higgins, of 150 Suydam Street, Brooklyn. When she was arraigned, Miss Myrtis Fish, a probation officer, said she was a widow with two children and a spectator in court provided \$100 bail for her.

Car Jumps Track in Bronx; 3 Passengers Taken to Hospital; 11 Hurt in Two-Bus Accidents

\$10,000 Auto Wrecked Both Motor Vehicle Mishaps Occur in Brooklyn and a Chauffeur Is Held

Seven passengers were injured last night when a Union Railway trolley car jumped the track at 198th Street and Webster Avenue, The Bronx, and crashed head-on into an "L" pillar.

Eleven persons were hurt in two collisions between buses and automobiles in Brooklyn. In one of them the bus was capsized, while in the other the auto, a \$10,000 touring car, was wrecked.

The trolley car in The Bronx was traveling at a rapid speed when the rear wheels ran off the rails. The motorman, Victor Jones, of 2094 Tenth Avenue, applied the brakes, but was unable to prevent the car from swerving and hitting the pillar squarely.

Three Taken to Hospital

Every window in the car was shattered, showering glass over the forty or so occupants, who were hurled from their seats by the force of the collision. Three of the injured were taken to Fordham Hospital. They were:

Henry Kaiser, fourteen years old, of 710 Westchester Avenue, The Bronx, suffering from a possibly fractured skull; Sarah Siegel, thirty-two, of 1969 Seventh Avenue, concussion of the brain, and Mrs. H. Hennessy, forty-eight, of 40 Sherwood Avenue, Yonkers, sprained right knee and bruises about the body.

Four others, who were cut by glass, were treated by ambulance surgeons and went home.

Bus Hits Automobile

The first accident of the day in which one of the privately owned and operated buses running in Brooklyn by authority of Mayor Hyman and Commissioner of Plant and Structures Whalen occurred in the morning at Carlton Avenue and Prospect Park. The bus, going at a high rate of speed through Prospect Place, struck an automobile in which Mrs. E. D. Daly and Mrs. C. M. Howard, both of 1316 Ditmars Avenue, were being driven to church. John King was operating the car, which belonged to Mrs. Daly.

Mrs. Howard was badly hurt and was removed to the Jewish Hospital. King and Mrs. Daly were bruised. The bus machine was practically demolished. George Reading, of 556 South Tenth Street, Brooklyn, driver of the bus, was not arrested, and the police refused to give any information concerning the accident.

Another Bus Accident

Early last evening a bus, another of the city-sanctioned fleet, en route to the Atlantic Avenue station and carrying eight passengers, collided with a heavy touring car at Flatbush Avenue and Clarkson Street.

The bus was overturned and thrown against the curb, all eight passengers being injured, none of them seriously enough, however, to require hospital attention, although two ambulances were summoned to the scene.

Harry Johnson, a negro, of 274 Pulaski Street, chauffeur of the touring car, was arrested on a charge of reckless driving. The bus was operated by Mohlis Ganz, of 272 Delancey Street.

"Red" Sunday School Raided by Police

Radical Literature Seized and Children Dismissed by Lawrence Officials

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 14.—A squad of police headed by City Marshal O'Brien raided Lexington Hall to-day, where they found a "Red" Sunday school class of about forty children in session. The police dismissed the class against the protests of numerous parents and seized the "primers," published by "The Appeal to Reason," and such other radical literature as they could lay their hands on.

Marshal O'Brien says that the school, although termed a Sunday school, has nothing to do with religion, but is used simply as a means of spreading "Red" propaganda and teaching revolutionary "hymns." The chorus of one of the "hymns" in the "primer" runs:

"When raise the scarlet standard high, Within its shadow we'll live and die; The onward fear and traitors sneer, We'll keep the red flag flying here."

According to the police, cards seized indicate the school has a membership of seventy-five. They assert that the teacher is a Brown University graduate who prides himself on being an internationalist rather than an American. One of the teachers, they say, is a prominent socialist who won notoriety in Washington doing picket duty.

Tries to Outing Caruso, But Only Ends in Jail

Critical Stonemason Also Suffers Slashed Wrists Breaking In Music Shop Window

Wanamaker's The Christmas Store

Such a contrast between Saturday's weather

outdoors and the Christmas-decorated sixteen floors of the Store and its comforts inside!

Often times in a gale at sea and with cross-tides the steamship boiler fires burn better and she makes a finer run than in the days of a quiet run.

The wind in a man's face sometimes makes him wise

One trouble teaches him to bear another, and he is better prepared to meet the sudden storms of life and to guide his little boat safely onward if he has once had an experience of a hurricane.

This big steamship of a Store, with its captains on the bridge, is heavily loaded with choice and valuable Christmas cargoes, and it is at anchor on Broadway, adjoining old Grace Church, and it is always good weather to all who come aboard from 9 to 5:30 every day.

(Signed) Joe Wanamaker

December 15, 1919.

Fitted bags and cases

Just inside the Motor Entrance, Ninth street side of the Old Building, one will find a collection of fitted bags and cases which is nothing short of remarkable.

Selection is large. Styles are correct. Prices are moderate. DRESSING CASES—for women, \$16 to \$63.50; for men, \$8.75 to \$159.

Fitted OVERNIGHT BAGS, \$40 to \$60. MOTOR CASES, square and Victoria styles, \$31.50 to \$381.60. There are two beautiful cases at \$381.60—one fitted with articles of blue enamel in gold-finished sterling silver, the other with pink enamel.

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Your visit to Belmaison is invited.

Fifth Gallery, New Building.

John Wanamaker - New York



TO-DAY Christmas sale of used PIANOS and Player-Pianos

Santa's Annual Visit to the Wanamaker Piano Salons

\$40,000 of GOOD Instruments

\$125 up. Special Christmas Terms

We've gone over them all. They're GOOD, ready to flash the sun of MUSIC this Christmas time through the clouds of piano-less homes.

The cheapest new, good upright piano we know of today costs \$340. There are 59 uprights in this sale under that price. You cannot get a really good player-piano under \$575. There are 8 player-pianos in this sale under that price.

83 Used Upright Pianos

Sherwood	.....\$125
3 at	..... 175
8 at	..... 195
5 at	..... 225
12 at	..... 245
11 at	..... 275
10 at	..... 295
8 at	..... 325
7 at	..... 345
7 at	..... 395
1 Chickering	..... 425
5 at	..... 475
Chickering	..... 525
Mason & Hamlin	..... 550
Chickering	..... 575
Knabe	..... 600

18 Used Player-Pianos

3 at	.....\$395
5 at	..... 495
2 at	..... 575
2 at	..... 595
2 at	..... 675
1 Hallet & Davis at	..... 745
1 Stroud at	..... 750
1 Krakauer Welter at	..... 850
1 Knabe Angelus at	..... 900

Two Used Grand Pianos

Chickering Grand at	.....\$1000
Knabe at	..... 1050

Two Used Organs

Wilcox & White at	.....\$ 45
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No excuse for any home not having music this Christmas-time

While you're here today look over the wonderful collection of new pianos, player-pianos and reproducing pianos—largest under any one roof in America; any instrument purchasable on specially convenient good-will Christmas terms.

Piano Salon, First Gallery, New Building.



The Palmer collection of early American furniture

AU QUATRIEME

When the part of the Palmer Collection which the Metropolitan Museum bought last spring was put on exhibition people were amazed to see what exquisitely fine furniture had been made by the early American cabinet-makers. They had no idea of the existence of such fine pieces.

Au Quatrieme has been exceedingly fortunate in purchasing the balance of the Palmer Collection so that it may be put on exhibition and sale for you today.

This collection of fine early American furniture Mr. Palmer has made with love and careful patient searching during the last thirty years. Most of the collection has been in his personal possession for twenty-five years. Mr. Palmer has given his personal guarantee for these things; his personal word "not for today, not for tomorrow, but for the rest of time."

This Collection Includes

Pieces which have been exhibited in the Museum of the New England Historical Society at New London, Connecticut, in the famous house which was originally Washington's headquarters.

One Connecticut or Hadley chest with two drawers. This was made on the Connecticut River in 1790. It is beautifully carved and wonderful in color.

One six-legged early American highboy, walnut veneer with herringbone inlay.

One early American lowboy.

One early American drop-front desk.

A large, carved oak Bible-box. Mr. Palmer says it is the finest he has ever seen.

An English seventeenth century oak dressing-table with pancake feet, entirely original and untouched.

A Collection of Early American Iron

This collection includes Betty lamps, revolving broilers and toasters.

From the Palmer House at Connecticut

This part of the collection includes some very fine English as well as American antiques.

A magnificent early American mahogany highboy with claw-and-ball feet and original brasses.

Very fine Chippendale mahogany four post bed, oak frame, 2 posts carved with garland of flowers.

Set of Chippendale chairs with heavily carved backs. Chippendale tables, both pie-crust and lattice.

We do not hesitate to say

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Fur Automobile Robes

tucked about it, and even your car seems to take on an added air of importance when adorned with such handsome substantial comfort.

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Manchurian goat.....\$75 Hudson seal (dyed musk).....\$350 Panther.....\$95 Muskrat.....\$350 Civet cat.....\$150 Mink.....\$350 Cinnamon bear.....\$250 Leopard.....\$375 Marmot.....\$350 Raccoon.....\$400

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